IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Case No. 2:25-cv-00043

STEWART ABRAMSON, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALLEN MARKETING GROUP, INC.

Defendant.

JOINT REPORT OF RULE 26(f) MEETING

In accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Local Rule 16.1, Local Rule 23.B, counsel for the parties submit the following joint report of their meeting for the court's consideration:

1. Identification of Counsel and Unrepresented Parties

a. Plaintiff Stewart Abramson ("Plaintiff")

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b. <u>Defendant</u>

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2. General Nature of the Case

Plaintiff's Position: Plaintiff has brought this action under the Telephone Consumer

Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227, a federal statute enacted to regulate telemarketing

practices. See Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs., LLC, 132 S. Ct. 740, 745 (2012). Plaintiff alleges that

Allen Marketing Group, Inc. sent calls promoting their goods and services, including to numbers

that were on the National Do Not Call Registry, such as the Plaintiff. Those calls were made

without the call recipient's prior express written consent.

Defendant's Position: Defendant believes, after reasonable investigation, that the calls

Plaintiff alleges to have received were not placed by or authorized by Defendant. Further, based

on a prior agreement between the Parties, Defendant's position is that Plaintiff's claims are barred

in whole or in part by Plaintiff' failure to meet certain terms of that prior agreement.

3. Date of Rule 26(f) Conference

The Rule 26(f) conference was held telephonically on May 15, 2025 and was attended by

Anthony Paronich for the Plaintiff and Lisa Messner for the Defendant.

4. Date of Rule 16 Conference Scheduled by the Court

The Court has scheduled the Rule 16 conference to be held on June 6, 2025.

5. Anticipated Rule 12 Motions: None.

6. Designation of ADR Process:

Plaintiff: Mediation

Defendant: Mediation

7. Rule 26 Disclosures

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The Parties will exchange Disclosures on or before June 5, 2025.

8. Subjects of Discovery

A. Plaintiff's Proposed Subjects of Discovery

Plaintiff seeks discovery on the following subjects: (1) Defendant's and/or third-party call data regarding Plaintiff and the class; (2) identification of class members; (3) Defendant's policies and procedures regarding compliance with the TCPA; (4) Defendant's affirmative defenses, such as any consent to make the calls at issue; (5) Defendant's negligence or willfulness regarding any TCPA violations; (6) Defendant's document retention policies; (7) identification of witnesses; and (8) Defendant's relationship with any third parties that may have relevant information surrounding this matter.

B. <u>Defendant's Proposed Subjects of Discovery</u>

Defendant seeks discovery on the content of the calls Plaintiff alleges to have received and any recordings or contemporaneous notes Plaintiff possesses related to such calls. Defendant seeks discovery related to Plaintiff's prior litigation and prior dealings with Defendant.

Defendant reserves the right o seek discovery regarding additional matters as its investigation of facts is ongoing.

9. Suggested Dates

A. Proposed Discovery Plan:

Event	Parties' Proposal
Additional Parties	September 12, 2025
Pleadings Amended	September 12, 2025

Submit Plaintiff's Expert	December 11, 2025
Report(s)	
Submit Defendant's Expert	January 9, 2026
Report(s)	
Fact Discovery Completed	January 16, 2026
File Motion to Certify Class	January 30, 2026
Post-Discovery Status	TBD by the Court
Conference	-

10. Changes to Limitations in Discovery

None.

11. Electronic Discovery

The parties expect much discovery will be in electronic form, but the parties do not believe an ESI special master is needed at this time. The parties will work together to develop an ESI discovery plan.

12. Post-Discovery Status Conference

The parties are requesting a post-discovery status conference.

13. Rule 16 or 26 Orders

The parties will discuss entry of a Confidentiality/Protective Order regarding treatment of documents produced in discovery, should discovery proceed.

14. Special Master

The parties are not requesting the appointment of a special master relating to any issues at this time.

15. Disagreements between the Parties in this Report.

None at this time.

Dated: May 15, 2025

PLAINTIFF, By his attorneys

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